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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and duplicates for review)
 Applicant claims small entity status.

2. See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 21] 1
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table,
 or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2] 1

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 7] 1
 Newly executed (original or copy)
 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

6. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
 named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
 1.63(g)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. _____ / _____

Group Art Unit: _____

Prior application information Examiner _____
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| Application Number | |
| Filing Date | |
| First Named Inventor | Yenny Y.R. Gonzalez et al. |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee | Small Entity Fee | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 101 710 | 201 355 | Utility filing fee | 710 |
| 106 320 | 206 160 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 450 | 207 245 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 710 | 208 355 | Release filing fee | |
| 134 150 | 214 75 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$ 710) | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims -20% = | Fee from table | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 21 | 2 | 18 | 18 |
| 2 | 3** | 0 | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent | | 0 | 0 |

| Large Entity Fee | Small Entity Fee | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 103 18 | 203 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 102 60 | 202 40 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 104 270 | 204 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 109 60 | 209 40 | ** Release independent claims over original patent | |
| 110 16 | 210 9 | ** Release claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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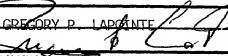
3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,920 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840 | Publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 360 | 216 195 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 600 | 217 445 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,390 | 218 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,690 | 228 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 310 | 219 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 310 | 220 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 270 | 221 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,240 | 241 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,240 | 242 620 | Utility issue fee (or release) | |
| 144 440 | 243 220 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 600 | 244 300 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 130 | 123 130 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 160 | 128 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40 |
| 146 710 | 246 355 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(e)) | |
| 149 710 | 249 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 710 | 279 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 160 900 | 169 800 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | |

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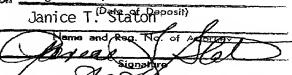
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